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Dear Josh:

Thanks for your good letter of the 24th. It might be a good idea for you to quiz Ruth Dippell concerning my paper when she comes to visit you, in case there are still unresolved points. She is pretty familiar with the details. I look forward to hearing from you about how your seminar goes and what the reactions and criticisms may be.

We are looking forward with great pleasure here to the time of your talk at the Lilly Laboratories. Just let us know when it is and we will be glad to put you and Esther up for as long as you wish to stay.

I don't know where the Sonneborn-Lederberg idea got around to the book agents, but I presume it is through friends of ours who know that we have been talking about this for a long time. I think you are quite right in turning them off the way you have. I have been doing exactly the same. Meanwhile, I have heard from Woods Hole and can report first of all that applications for space are not acted upon until about the first of February and assignments are made at that time. In the meantime, I am going to file a request for a study for the two of us and I'm sending along a copy which you also are to file. Attached to it are my answers to the items on which we probably should agree. I spoke to the director of the laboratory on long distance not very long ago about another matter and mentioned that I was interested in working with you during the month of August on a library type of study and he told me that there are several little rooms immediately adjacent to the library which are reserved for that purpose and that he would recommend that one of them be assigned to us. I think we will probably not have any trouble in getting what we want. Do you think a private study room at \$75 a piece for us is worth the difference (\$25 to \$35) over what a library desk would cost? Which would you prefer?

Concerning living accommodations, there is nothing much to say except that it is ordinarily difficult to get a cottage for a month as people want to rent for the whole season. I have been informed

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that Dr. Mavor, now living in Cambridge, Mass., sometimes rents his cottage for a month. I shall write to him. It has also been suggested that we list our needs with the Janet Renshaw Real Estate Agency in Woods Hole in order to be informed of vacancies. I don't know whether I'll go that far yet or not. What do you think?

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tracy".

T. M. Sonneborn

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